Catholic Doctrine: Beliefs, Teachings, and Misconceptions

Q1. Do Catholics Worship Mary?

Answer: No. Worship (latria) is for God alone. Mary is honored (hyperdulia) as Mother of God.

Scripture:

- Luke 1:48 — “All generations will call me blessed.”

- John 2:5 — “Do whatever He tells you.”

Q2. Do Catholics Worship the Saints?

Answer: No. Saints are honored as holy examples. Catholics ask their intercession, not worship them.

Scripture:

- Hebrews 12:1 — “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.”

- Revelation 5:8 — Saints offer prayers before God.

Q3. Do Catholics Worship Statues?

Answer: No. Statues are reminders, not idols.

Scripture:

- Exodus 25:18–20 — Cherubim on the Ark.

- Numbers 21:8–9 — Bronze serpent lifted up.

Q4. Is the Pope Infallible in Everything?

Answer: No. Only when speaking ex cathedra on faith and morals.

Scripture:

- Matthew 16:18–19 — Keys given to Peter.

- Luke 22:32 — Christ prays Peter’s faith may not fail.

Q5. Do Catholics Believe They Can Earn Heaven by Works?

Answer: No. Salvation is by grace through faith, expressed in works.

Scripture:

- Ephesians 2:8–9 — Saved by grace, not works.

- James 2:24 — “A person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

Q6. Do Catholics Ignore the Bible?

Answer: No. The Church compiled the Bible and proclaims it daily at Mass.

Scripture:

- 2 Timothy 3:16 — All Scripture is inspired.

- Colossians 3:16 — Word of Christ dwells richly.

Q7. Is the Catholic Mass Just Empty Ritual?

Answer: No. The Mass is the central act of worship, rooted in Scripture and the Last Supper.

Scripture:

- Luke 22:19 — “Do this in remembrance of me.”

- John 6:53–56 — Eucharist as Christ’s body and blood.

Q8. What Happens During Mass?

Answer: Mass includes hymns, penitential rite, Liturgy of the Word (readings + homily), and Liturgy of the Eucharist (bread and wine consecrated as Christ’s body and blood).

Scripture:

- Acts 2:42 — “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Q9. Why Do Catholics Observe Good Friday?

Answer: Good Friday commemorates Christ’s Passion and death with fasting, abstinence, and solemn liturgy.

Scripture:

- John 19:30 — “It is finished.”

- Isaiah 53:5 — “By His wounds we are healed.”

Q10. Is Good Friday Just a Man-Made Tradition?

Answer: No. It dates back to the earliest Christians who remembered Christ's crucifixion with fasting and prayer.

Scripture:

- Acts 13:2–3 — Early Church fasted and prayed.

- 1 Corinthians 11:26 — Proclaiming the Lord's death.

Q11. Do Catholics Believe Tradition Overrides Scripture?

Answer: No. Scripture and Tradition together form divine revelation.

Scripture:

- 2 Thessalonians 2:15 — "Stand firm and hold to the traditions."

- John 21:25 — Not all was written down.

Q12. Why Abstain from Meat on Fridays?

Answer: Friday penance recalls Christ's sacrifice. Good Friday especially is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Scripture:

- Mark 2:20 — "Then they will fast."

- Matthew 6:16 — Jesus assumes fasting.

Q13. Do Catholics Believe They Can Sin Freely and Just Go to Confession?

Answer: No. Confession requires sincere repentance and amendment.

Scripture:

- John 20:22–23 — Authority to forgive sins.

- Psalm 51:17 — "A broken and contrite heart."

Q14. Is Purgatory a Non-Biblical Invention?

Answer: No. It reflects purification before heaven.

Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 3:15 — Saved “but only as through fire.”

- 2 Maccabees 12:44–45 — Prayers for the dead.

Q15. Are Catholics Christians?

Answer: Yes. Catholicism is the original Christian tradition, tracing back to the apostles.

Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19–20 — The Great Commission.

- Acts 11:26 — “The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

Q16. Are Catholic Practices Just Human Rules?

Answer: No. Practices like fasting, feast days, and liturgy are biblical rhythms of worship.

Scripture:

- Matthew 6:16–18 — Jesus assumes fasting.

- Acts 20:7 — Gathering on the Lord’s Day.

Q17. Do Catholics Evangelize?

Answer: Yes. The Church actively evangelizes through missions, catechesis, and lay movements.

Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19–20 — Great Commission.

Q18. Do Catholics Worship the Eucharist?

Answer: Yes — because the Eucharist is Christ Himself, not bread. Catholics worship Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

Scripture:

- John 6:51 — “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:16 — “The cup of blessing… is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”

Q19. Do Catholics Add “Extra” Sacraments?

Answer: No. The seven sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, Holy Orders) were instituted by Christ.

Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19 — Baptism.

- John 6:53 — Eucharist.

- John 20:22–23 — Confession.

- James 5:14 — Anointing of the sick.

- Matthew 19:6 — Marriage.

- Acts 6:6 — Holy Orders.

- Acts 8:17 — Confirmation.

Q20. Do Catholics Believe in “Works of Superstition”?

Answer: No. Practices like holy water, ashes, and blessings are outward signs pointing to Christ.

Scripture:

- Numbers 5:17 — Holy water used in ritual.

- Matthew 28:19 — Baptism with water.

- Joel 2:12 — “Return to me with fasting, weeping, and mourning” (ashes as repentance).

Q21. Do Catholics Believe in the Trinity?

Answer: Yes. One God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19 — “Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

- John 10:30 — “I and the Father are one.”

Q22. Do Catholics Believe in Salvation Outside the Church?

Answer: The Church teaches that salvation comes through Christ and His Church, but those who seek God sincerely may be saved by His mercy.

Scripture:

- John 14:6 — “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

- 1 Timothy 2:4 — God “desires all men to be saved.”

Q23. Do Catholics Believe in Original Sin?

Answer: Yes. Humanity inherits a fallen nature from Adam and Eve, cleansed through Baptism.

Scripture:

- Romans 5:12 — “Sin came into the world through one man.”

- Psalm 51:5 — “In sin did my mother conceive me.”

Q24. Do Catholics Believe in Confessing to a Priest Instead of God?

Answer: Catholics confess to God through the ministry of the priest, who acts in Christ’s name.

Scripture:

- John 20:22–23 — “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven.”

- James 5:16 — “Confess your sins to one another.”

Q25. Do Catholics Believe in the Authority of the Church?

Answer: Yes. Christ gave authority to the apostles and their successors.

Scripture:

- Matthew 18:18 — “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.”

- Acts 15:28 — Apostles decide with the Holy Spirit.

Q26. Do Catholics Believe in Daily Mass?

Answer: Yes. Mass is celebrated every day, with Sunday Mass being obligatory. Daily Mass nourishes faith and keeps believers united with Christ.

Scripture:

- Acts 2:46 — “Day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes.”

- Matthew 6:11 — “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Q27. Do Catholics Believe in the Structure of Mass?

Answer: Yes. Mass follows a sacred order: Opening Hymn, Penitential Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Homily, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion, and Final Blessing.

Scripture:

- Luke 24:27, 30 — Jesus explained the Scriptures, then broke bread with disciples.

- Acts 2:42 — "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching… to the breaking of bread."

Q28. Do Catholics Believe in the Liturgy of the Word?

Answer: Yes. The Word of God is proclaimed through readings from the Old Testament, Psalms, Epistles, and Gospels, followed by a homily.

Scripture:

- Nehemiah 8:8 — "They read from the book, from the law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense."

- 1 Timothy 4:13 — "Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Q29. Do Catholics Believe in the Liturgy of the Eucharist?

Answer: Yes. The Eucharist is the heart of the Mass, where bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Scripture:

- Luke 22:19–20 — "This is my body… This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

- John 6:53–56 — "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

Q30. Do Catholics Believe in Communion?

Answer: Yes. Receiving Communion unites believers with Christ and with one another in His mystical body, the Church.

Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 10:17 — "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body."

- John 15:5 — "I am the vine; you are the branches."

Q31. Do Catholics Believe in the Homily?

Answer: Yes. The homily explains the Scriptures and applies them to daily life, guiding the faithful in living the Gospel.

Scripture:

- Luke 24:32 — “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

- Romans 10:17 — “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Q32. Do Catholics Believe in Ritual Actions (standing, kneeling, singing)?

Answer: Yes. Bodily gestures express reverence, humility, and joy in worship. Singing hymns is prayer lifted to God.

Scripture:

- Philippians 2:10 — “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

- Colossians 3:16 — “Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.”

Q33. Do Catholics Believe in the Penitential Rite?

Answer: Yes. At the start of Mass, Catholics acknowledge their sins and ask God’s mercy to prepare for worship.

Scripture:

- Psalm 51:2 — “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”

- 1 John 1:9 — “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive.”

Q34. Do Catholics Believe in the Final Blessing and Dismissal?

Answer: Yes. Mass ends with the priest’s blessing and sending forth of the faithful to live the Gospel in the world.

Scripture:

- Matthew 28:19–20 — “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”

- Numbers 6:24–26 — “The Lord bless you and keep you.”

Q35. Do Catholics Believe in Other Liturgical Services (including the Liturgy of the Hours)?

Answer: Yes. In addition to Mass, Catholics pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office), celebrate the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders), and observe funeral rites. The Liturgy of the Hours sanctifies the day with psalms, readings, and hymns, uniting the Church's prayer throughout the world.

Scripture:

- Psalm 119:164 — "Seven times a day I praise you."

- Acts 3:1 — "Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer."

- James 5:14 — "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him."

Q36. Do Catholics Believe in Holy Days of Obligation?

Answer: Yes. Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and certain feast days that celebrate key mysteries of faith, such as Christmas and Easter.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:8 — "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

- Hebrews 10:25 — "Do not neglect to meet together."

Q37. Do Catholics Believe in Lent?

Answer: Yes. Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare for Easter, lasting 40 days in imitation of Christ's fast in the desert.

Scripture:

- Matthew 4:2 — "He fasted forty days and forty nights."

- Joel 2:12 — "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

Q38. Do Catholics Believe in Advent?

Answer: Yes. Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas and His second coming at the end of time.

Scripture:

- Isaiah 7:14 — "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son."

- Mark 13:33 — "Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come."

Q39. Do Catholics Believe in the Sacramentals?

Answer: Yes. Sacramentals are holy signs such as blessings, holy water, rosaries, and medals that prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to holiness.

Scripture:

- Numbers 5:17 — Holy water used in ritual.

- Acts 19:11–12 — Paul's handkerchiefs and aprons brought healing.

Q40. Do Catholics Believe in the Communion of Saints?

Answer: Yes. The faithful on earth, souls in purgatory, and saints in heaven are united in Christ, sharing spiritual goods and prayers.

Scripture:

- Hebrews 12:1 — "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

- Ephesians 4:4 — "There is one body and one Spirit."

Q41. Do Catholics Believe in the Resurrection of the Body?

Answer: Yes. At the end of time, all the dead will rise and be judged, receiving eternal life or separation from God.

Scripture:

- John 11:25 — "I am the resurrection and the life."

- 1 Corinthians 15:52 — "The dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

Q42. Do Catholics Believe in Heaven?

Answer: Yes. Heaven is eternal life with God, the ultimate fulfillment of human longing.

Scripture:

- Revelation 21:4 — "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- John 14:2 — "In my Father's house are many rooms."

Q43. Do Catholics Believe in Hell?

Answer: Yes. Hell is eternal separation from God for those who freely reject Him.

Scripture:

- Matthew 25:46 — “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

- 2 Thessalonians 1:9 — “They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord.”

Q44. Do Catholics Believe in Angels?

Answer: Yes. Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him and help humanity.

Scripture:

- Psalm 91:11 — “He will command his angels concerning you.”

- Hebrews 1:14 — “Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve?”

Q45. Do Catholics Believe in Guardian Angels?

Answer: Yes. Each person is entrusted to the care of a guardian angel.

Scripture:

- Matthew 18:10 — “Their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.”

- Acts 12:15 — “It is his angel.”

Q46. Do Catholics Believe in the Last Judgment?

Answer: Yes. At the end of time, Christ will return to judge the living and the dead.

Scripture:

- Matthew 25:31–32 — “The Son of Man comes in his glory… He will separate people one from another.”

- Revelation 20:12 — “The dead were judged by what was written in the books.”

Q47. Do Catholics Believe in the Immaculate Conception?

Answer: Yes. Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception.

Scripture:

- Luke 1:28 — “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

- Genesis 3:15 — “I will put enmity between you and the woman.”

Q48. Do Catholics Believe in the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Yes. Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Scripture:

- Revelation 12:1 — “A woman clothed with the sun.”

- Psalm 132:8 — “Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.”

Q49. Do Catholics Believe in the Incarnation?

Answer: Yes. The Son of God became man in Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Scripture:

- John 1:14 — “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

- Philippians 2:7 — “He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.”

Q50. Do Catholics Believe in the Paschal Mystery?

Answer: Yes. The Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus are the central mysteries of salvation.

Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 — “Christ died for our sins… He was raised on the third day.”

- Acts 1:9 — “He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

Q51. Do Catholics Believe in the Ten Commandments?

Answer: Yes. The Ten Commandments are God’s moral law, binding on all believers.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:1–17 — The Ten Commandments.

- Matthew 19:17–19 — Jesus affirms the commandments.

Q52. Do Catholics Believe in the Beatitudes?

Answer: Yes. The Beatitudes are Christ’s teaching on holiness and the path to true happiness.

Scripture:

- Matthew 5:3–12 — “Blessed are the poor in spirit…”

- Luke 6:20–23 — Sermon on the Plain.

Q53. Do Catholics Believe in the Works of Mercy?

Answer: Yes. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are acts of love that fulfill Christ’s command to care for others.

Scripture:

- Matthew 25:35–36 — “I was hungry and you gave me food…”

- Galatians 6:2 — “Bear one another’s burdens.”

Q54. Do Catholics Believe in Social Justice?

Answer: Yes. The Church teaches the dignity of every human person, the common good, solidarity, and care for the poor.

Scripture:

- Proverbs 31:9 — “Defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

- James 2:15–16 — Faith without works is dead.

Q55. Do Catholics Believe in the Sanctity of Life?

Answer: Yes. Life is sacred from conception to natural death.

Scripture:

- Psalm 139:13 — “You knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

- Jeremiah 1:5 — “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.”

Q56. Do Catholics Believe in Marriage and Family?

Answer: Yes. Marriage is a sacrament, and family is the domestic church.

Scripture:

- Genesis 2:24 — “A man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife.”

- Ephesians 5:25 — “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church.”

Q57. Do Catholics Believe in Caring for Creation?

Answer: Yes. Stewardship of creation is part of respecting God's gift of the earth.

Scripture:

- Genesis 2:15 — "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden… to keep it."

- Psalm 24:1 — "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Q58. Do Catholics Believe in Conscience?

Answer: Yes. Conscience is the inner voice where God's law is inscribed, guiding moral choices.

Scripture:

- Romans 2:15 — "They show that the law is written on their hearts."

- 1 Timothy 1:5 — "Love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience."

Q59. Do Catholics Believe in Prayer as Essential?

Answer: Yes. Prayer is the raising of the heart and mind to God, essential for Christian life.

Scripture:

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 — "Pray without ceasing."

- Matthew 6:6 — "Go into your room and pray to your Father."

Q60. Do Catholics Believe in the Virtues?

Answer: Yes. Catholics believe in the theological virtues (faith, hope, charity) and the cardinal virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance) as foundations of moral life.

Scripture:

- 1 Corinthians 13:13 — "Faith, hope, and love abide, these three."

- Wisdom 8:7 — "She teaches temperance, prudence, justice, and courage."

Q61. Do Catholics Believe in the Seven Deadly Sins?

Answer: Yes. Pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth are recognized as grave tendencies that lead away from God.

Scripture:

- Galatians 5:19–21 — “Works of the flesh… those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom.”

- Proverbs 6:16–19 — “There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable.”

Q62. Do Catholics Believe in the Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Yes. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are signs of life in the Spirit.

Scripture:

- Galatians 5:22–23 — “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace…”

Q63. Do Catholics Believe in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Yes. Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord strengthen believers.

Scripture:

- Isaiah 11:2 — “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him… wisdom and understanding…”

Q64. Do Catholics Believe in the Corporal Works of Mercy?

Answer: Yes. Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting prisoners, and burying the dead.

Scripture:

- Matthew 25:35–36 — “I was hungry and you gave me food…”

Q65. Do Catholics Believe in the Spiritual Works of Mercy?

Answer: Yes. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead.

Scripture:

- Colossians 3:16 — “Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.”

- James 5:16 — “Pray for one another.”

Q66. Do Catholics Believe in Fasting and Abstinence?

Answer: Yes. Fasting and abstinence are penitential practices that unite believers with Christ's sacrifice.

Scripture:

- Matthew 6:16 — "When you fast, do not look gloomy."

- Joel 2:12 — "Return to me with fasting."

Q67. Do Catholics Believe in Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer: Yes. Catholics adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist outside of Mass, especially in exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Scripture:

- John 6:51 — "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

- Matthew 26:40 — "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Q68. Do Catholics Believe in Pilgrimages?

Answer: Yes. Pilgrimages to holy sites are acts of devotion and penance, drawing believers closer to God.

Scripture:

- Luke 2:41 — "His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover."

- Psalm 84:5 — "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion."

Q69. Do Catholics Believe in the Rosary?

Answer: Yes. The Rosary is a meditative prayer on the mysteries of Christ's life, prayed with Mary.

Scripture:

- Luke 1:28 — "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you."

- Luke 2:19 — "Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."

Q70. Do Catholics Believe in Novenas?

Answer: Yes. Novenas are nine-day prayers of petition or thanksgiving, rooted in the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

Scripture:

- Acts 1:14 — “All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.”

- Luke 18:1 — “They ought always to pray and not lose heart.”

Q71. Do Catholics Believe in the First Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall have no other gods before me” calls for worship of God alone, rejecting idolatry.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:3 — “You shall have no other gods before me.”

- Matthew 4:10 — “Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.”

Q72. Do Catholics Believe in the Second Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain” requires reverence for God’s name.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:7 — “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.”

- Philippians 2:10 — “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

Q73. Do Catholics Believe in the Third Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” is fulfilled in Sunday worship and rest.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:8 — “Remember the sabbath day.”

- Acts 20:7 — “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.”

Q74. Do Catholics Believe in the Fourth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “Honor your father and your mother” extends to respect for family and lawful authority.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:12 — “Honor your father and your mother.”

- Ephesians 6:1 — “Children, obey your parents in the Lord.”

Q75. Do Catholics Believe in the Fifth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not kill” affirms the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:13 — “You shall not murder.”

- Matthew 5:21–22 — Jesus deepens the commandment against anger.

Q76. Do Catholics Believe in the Sixth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not commit adultery” calls for purity and fidelity in marriage.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:14 — “You shall not commit adultery.”

- Matthew 5:28 — “Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery in his heart.”

Q77. Do Catholics Believe in the Seventh Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not steal” requires respect for property and justice in economic life.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:15 — “You shall not steal.”

- Ephesians 4:28 — “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather labor.”

Q78. Do Catholics Believe in the Eighth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not bear false witness” calls for truthfulness and rejection of lies.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:16 — “You shall not give false testimony.”

- John 8:32 — “The truth will set you free.”

Q79. Do Catholics Believe in the Ninth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife” requires purity of heart and chastity.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:17 — “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.”

- Matthew 5:8 — “Blessed are the pure in heart.”

Q80. Do Catholics Believe in the Tenth Commandment?

Answer: Yes. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods” calls for contentment and rejection of envy.

Scripture:

- Exodus 20:17 — “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house… or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

- Hebrews 13:5 — “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content.”

Q81. Do Catholics Believe in the Beatitudes?

Answer: Yes. The Beatitudes are Christ’s teaching on holiness and the path to true happiness.

Scripture:

- Matthew 5:3–12 — “Blessed are the poor in spirit…”

- Luke 6:20–23 — “Blessed are you who are poor…”

Q82. Do Catholics Believe in Catholic Social Teaching?

Answer: Yes. The Church teaches principles of human dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity, and care for creation.

Scripture:

- Proverbs 31:9 — “Defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

- James 2:15–16 — “Faith without works is dead.”

Q83. Do Catholics Believe in the Preferential Option for the Poor?

Answer: Yes. The Church emphasizes care for the poor and marginalized as a priority in living the Gospel.

Scripture:

- Matthew 25:40 — “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

- Proverbs 14:31 — “Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker.”

Q84. Do Catholics Believe in Solidarity?

Answer: Yes. Solidarity means recognizing all people as brothers and sisters, working for justice and peace.

Scripture:

- Galatians 6:2 — “Bear one another’s burdens.”

- Romans 12:5 — “We, though many, are one body in Christ.”

Q85. Do Catholics Believe in Stewardship of Creation?

Answer: Yes. Catholics are called to care for the environment as God’s gift.

Scripture:

- Genesis 2:15 — “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden… to keep it.”

- Psalm 24:1 — “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.”